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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: IV GRANTS FOR PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES

REF: STATE 179845

1. SOVIET EMBASSY (KAMENEV) CALLED ON DEPARTMENT (EUR/SOV) AUGUST 5 TO PROPOSE THAT DELEGATION OF PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES FROM MEDIUM-SIZED CITIES BEGIN VISIT SEPTEMBER 15 AND STAY TWO WEEKS. HE REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR VISIT. ALTHOUGH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD KAMENEV VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE SEPTEMBER OR AFTER CAMPAIGN (REFTEL), WE AGREED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF SEPTEMBER 15 VISIT.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH VPS, CU/EE DETERMINED THAT SEPTEMBER DATES NOT POSSIBLE SINCE VPS FULLY BOOKED THAT MONTH. WE INFORMED KAMENEV AUGUST 10 THAT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS WE COULD NOT HOST VISIT IN SEPTEMBER BUT WOULD BE PLEASED TO

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RECEIVE PARTY SECRETARIES IN LAST HALF OF NOVEMBER OR EARLY

DECEMBER. KAMENEV SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST TO MOSCOW NOVEMBER 16 STARTING DATE, AND WE AGREED TO USE THAT DATE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

3. KAMENEV ASKED IF WE WOULD ACCEPT DELEGATION OF FIVE PARTY SECRETARIES PLUS ONE ACCOMPANYING PERSON (PROBABLY FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEE STAFF) FOR TWO WEEKS, INSTEAD OF THREE TO FIVE PARTY SECRETARIES FOR THREE WEEKS AS STATED IN ORIGINAL INVITATION. WE AGREED TO SIX-PERSON DELEGATION BUT URGED THAT VISIT BE THREE WEEKS, SINCE WE COULD ARRANGE A MUCH BETTER PROGRAM IF THREE WEEKS AVAILABLE. KAMENEV SAID HE WOULD PASS THAT ON TO MOSCOW.

4. WE GAVE COPIES OF TENTATIVE TWO-WEEK AND THREE-WEEK PROGRAMS TO KAMENEV AUGUST 12, REITERATING OUR PREFERENCE FOR THREE-WEEK PROGRAM. TWO-WEEK PROGRAM INCLUDES WASHINGTON, D.C., KANSAS CITY, PHOENIX, NASHVILLE AND NEW YORK CITY. THREE-WEEK PROGRAM ADDS CINCINNATI AND SAN FRANCISCO TO TWO-WEEK PROGRAM. COPIES OF BOTH PROGRAMS ARE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY. WE HAVE DELIBERATELY LIMITED THE CITIES THE DELEGATION WOULD VISIT IN ORDER TO GIVE IT MORE TIME IN EACH CITY AND ALLOW IT TO TRAVEL BEYOND CITY LIMITS TO VISIT FARMS, FACTORIES, AND OTHER ENVIRONS.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH MOSCOW OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO CONFIRM DATES, LENGTH OF VISIT AND ACCEPTABILITY OF TENTATIVE PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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